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1. A coordinated express communications system is to be built up this year in the Danube valley, between Budapest and the Yugoslav frontier.
2. This was decided at a recent conference held between MESZHART (Hungarian-Soviet Navigation, Inc.) communications experts, Soviet military communications specialists, and representatives of the Hungarian State Railways and of the Hungarian Ministry of Public Transport ("Pósta-és Közlekedésügyi").
3. The scheduled project consists of integrating closely the roads, railways, and waterways in such a manner that transshipment from one channel of communication to another can be effected rapidly. To this end, new harbors of large transloading capacity and new transloaders are to be constructed, in addition to the improvements and new sections for the actual communications lines.
4. The backbone of the planned traffic system is the Danube valley express-traffic rail line which is already under construction.
5. Harbors: At points where this railway line lies close to the Danube, new harbors will be built, or existing ones extended. These harbors are:
 - a. Sztalinváros (Dunapentele). This is to be one of the largest Danube harbors in Hungary. New constructions are already in progress.
 - b. Dunaföldvár - the existing harbor will be extended.
 - c. Paks - the existing harbor will be extended.
 - d. Baja - the existing harbor will be extended.

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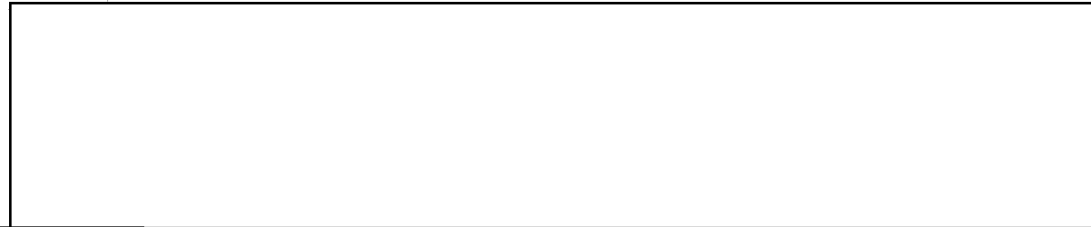
- e. Baja - the existing harbor will be extended.
- e. Szekszárd - a new harbor is to be built near the town.

6. Railway.

- a. The former secondary line branching off the main Budapest - Dombóvár line at Pusztaszabolcs and leading to Sztalinváros and Paks has already been rebuilt to a double-track primary line nearly to Paks.
- b. The Bátaszék - Szekszárd line is to be converted to double-track.
- c. A new line is to be built, connecting Paks with Szekszárd. The surveying of the bed of this proposed line is already in progress.
- d. Solt will be connected to Fülöpszállás across the Dunaföldvár Danube bridge.

7. Roads. A new concrete primary road linking Dunaföldvár - Paks - Szekszárd is approaching completion; it is built next to the old second-class road (on the west side of it). The new road is 8 meters wide and has a 1-meter pavement on each side of it.* At its northern end, the road by-passes Dunaföldvár and joins the primary concrete road from Sztalinváros (Dunapentele); at its southern end, it links up with the Szekszárd - Bátaszék primary road.

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* Comment: The one-meter pavement refers probably to sidewalks for bicycle riders and pedestrians, a customary feature of some highways in Hungary.

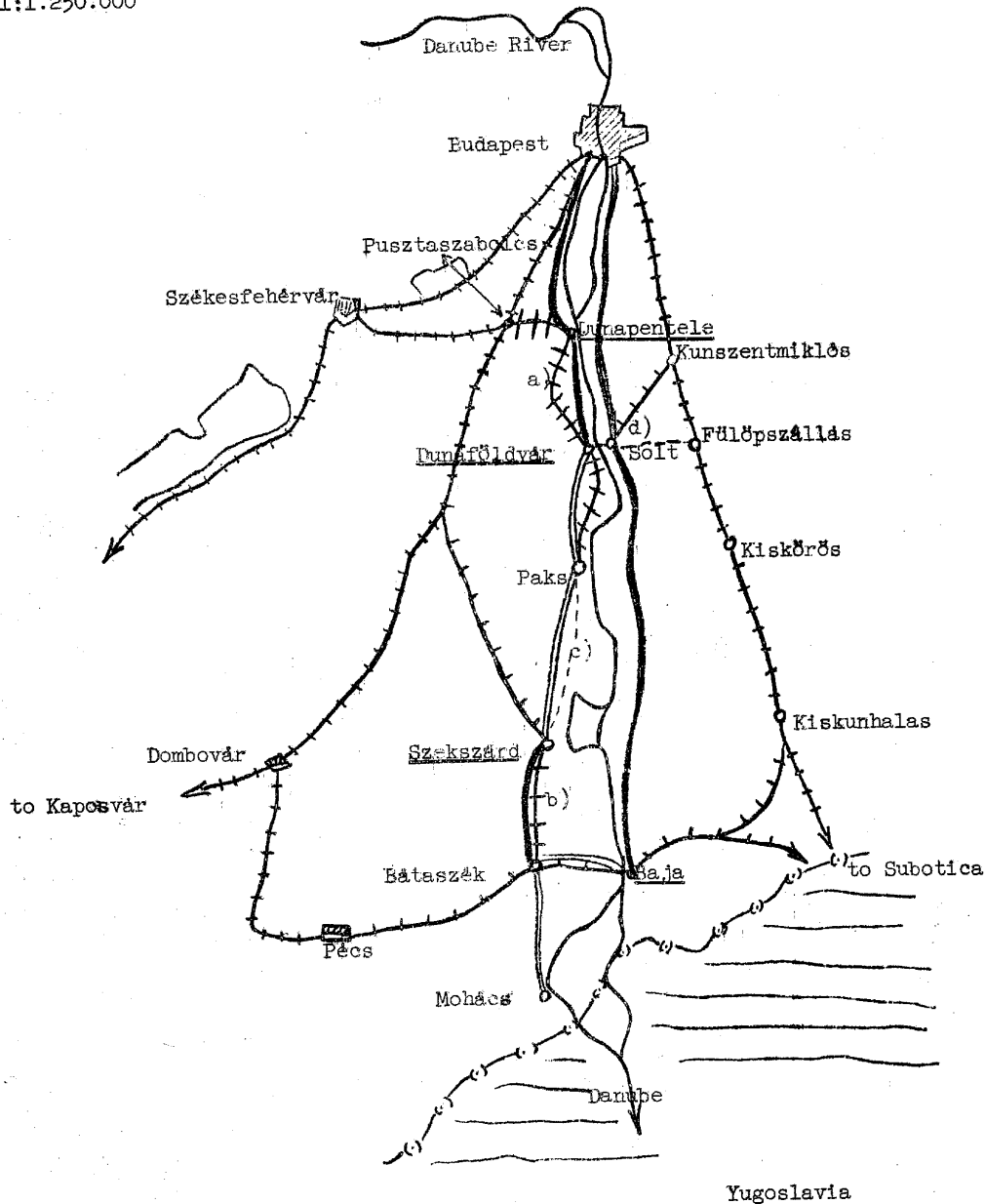
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| ---+--- | old primary RR-line | — | old primary road |
| ---+--- | old secondary RR-line | == | new primary concrete road |
| +++ | new primary RR-line | | |
| --- | new primary RR under planning | | |
| a, b, c, d | parts of the new railway system | | |
| under lined towns | near harbor construction works | | |

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